रात्रि में किसी भी प्रकार की पुलिस की व्यवस्था नहीं होने के कारण नेवल कमांडर को भी टैंकर के नीचे कुचला गया है। रात्रि में इस प्रकार के वाहन बड़ी तेज़ी के साथ चल रहे हैं जिनको चलाने वाले दिल्ली के लोग नहीं होते, अगल-बगल के राज्यों से ड्राइवर लाकर वाहन चलाए जा रहे हैं। पुलिस भी नहीं होती है और यह कहा जाता है कि ट्रैफिक पुलिस की संख्या जो 2000 है, वह कम पड़ती है। इसलिए रात्रि में सड़कें खाली रहती हैं और बड़े एक्सीडेंट्स और लोगों की हत्याएं हो रही हैं। यह देश की राजधानी की स्थिति है। क्या हमारी सरकार इस दृष्टि से कोई विचार करेगी कि राजधानी दिल्ली की सड़कों पर लोगों की जो हत्याएं हो रही हैं, उन हत्याओं को रोकने का कोई इंतज़ाम हो?

श्री हरिन पाठक: सभापति महोदय, इन्होंने बहुत अहम बात कही है जिसको मैं स्वीकार करता हूं। रात्रि को, जिसे वी आवर्स कहते हैं, अर्ली मोर्निंग और लेट नाइट, स्वाभाविक है कि वहां पर हमारी डिप्लॉइमेंट कम होती है। कई बार ऐसी घटनाएं हो जाती हैं। वैसे हमारी पीसीआर वहां पर हैं.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Deteriorating Power situation in Delhi

*45. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite plentiful power supply to the Capital, it suffered from frequent and prolonged power break-downs during the last summer months;

(b) if so, whether this was attributable to the fragile transmission and distribution system;

(c) the reasons for not updating and augmenting the T&D system;

(d) whether it is a fact that with the privatization of distribution and sale of power, the power supply position has deteriorated and billing system has collapsed; and

(e) if so, the reasons for privatization?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) Supply and distribution of power in Delhi is in the purview of the Government of NCT of Delhi. Government of NCT of Delhi/Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL), have informed that although some break-downs attributable to the deficiencies in the Delhi system did occur, yet the position is better as compared to last year because of the improvements that have been made.

(c) As informed by Government of NCT of Delhi, DTL and private distribution companies have initiated steps to augment T&D system which is being monitored by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC).

(d) and (e) As informed by Government of NCT of Delhi/DTL, both voltage and frequency profiles have been better compared to last year. However, there have been instances of power failures/breakdowns in some areas during the period of heavy rains when water logging took place in the low lying areas and also due to transmission and distribution bottlenecks and local faults. Government of NCT of Delhi/DTL have also informed that the distribution companies are introducing new billing systems and software and there are some transitional problems.

The distribution of electricity has been corporatized and privatized by the Government of NCT of Delhi and entrusted to two private-sector companies *viz.* BSES and TATA Power. The DERC has been overseeing the sector and *inter-alia* fixes performance criteria to ensure the efficient functioning of the distribution companies.

Singareni Coal Mine accident

*48. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident occurred in an underground mine of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited's Godavarikhani Coalfield in Karimnagar district of Andhra Pradesh on 16.6.03;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of mine workers died/ injured in the accident;